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In re Patent Application of)
Eva SIMMONS et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: August 26, 1999)
For: AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE THAT)
INCLUDES A LIQUID BARRIER)
WITH IMPROVED SEALING)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent
application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and substitute therefor new
claims 15-42:

1 - 15. A method of achieving in an absorbent article,
2 such as a diaper or an incontinence guard, that includes an
3 absorbent body disposed between a liquid-impermeable bottom
4 sheet which is intended to lie distal from the wearer in use,
5 a liquid-impermeable upper sheet which is intended to lie
6 proximal to the wearer, and either 1) at least one
7 longitudinally extending liquid barrier on each side of the